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In reply to: Examiner's Letter of October 20, 2003

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Dear Sir:

FIRST RESPONSE TO THE FINAL OFFICE ACTION

This response to the Final Office Action of October 20, 2003 which rejected the previously amended independent claims 1, 16 and 29 only under §112 as containing new matter (no blowing agent) is being filed by December 20, 2003 so that any extension fee will be calculated from the mailing date of an Advisory Action.

In response to this Office Action, claims 1, 16 and 29 are amended as shown below.